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OFFICERS		NEXT MEETING	PROGRAM
		DECEMBER 30, 1993	***** CHRISTMAS PARTY *****
PRES.	BILL BROWN 942-4365	ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY - 2960 S HIGHLAND CALL JOLENE SO SHE CAN GET A COUNT 967- 2975. DEC 30TH MEETING WILL BE OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY AT CHUCKARAMA ON 2960 S HIGHLAND DRIVE. SOCIAL AT 7 PM, DINNER 7:30. \$9 PER PERSON. BE READY FOR A LOT OF FUN!	CHRISTMAS DRAWING: YOU GET ONE TICKET FOR EACH MEETING ATTENDED. NO TICKETS ARE FOR SALE. ALSO, THE PERSON MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN. CALL BILL BROWN IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ON THIS. CALL JOLENE FOR DINNER QUESTIONS 967-2975!
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*****PRIZES*****PRIZES*****PRIZES*****

CHRISTMAS PARTY PRIZES

SPANISH FORK CORPORATION GF 50c
DAVE HEWLETT, CORINNE GF 5c
C.E.F. COMPANY (CARBON EMORY)#2, GF 1 EXPLODER
CLIFTON'S MARKET GF \$1.00
HURRICANE CO GF 5C IN TRADE
EUGENE THEATRE GF 10c
FERRON MERC GF 25c
NAT LOADER PLEASANT GROVE BERRY CHECK
MECCA BAR GF 5C IN TRADE
BIG SPRING DAIRY GF 1 PINT MILK
C.E.S. CO #4 GF 5 STICKS POWDER
F. ANSELMO AND CO. GF 10c IN TRADE
F. ANSELMO AND CO. GF 50c IN TRADE
F. ANSELMO AND CO. GF 25c IN TRADE
BEAVER CO-OP
(25c I.T., \$2 I.T., 5c I.T., \$5 I.T., 10c I.T.)
MUTUAL TRADING CO, GF \$5 I.T.
MUTUAL COAL CO. GF 1 STICK POWDER
MUTUAL COAL CO. GF 1 EXPLODER

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HIAWATHA, UTAH
HURRICANE, UTAH
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FERRON, UTAH
PLEASANT GROVE, UTAH
SCOFIELD, UTAH
SUNNYSIDE, UTAH
CARBON, UTAH
COLUMBIA, UTAH
COLUMBIA, UTAH
COLUMBIA, UTAH
BEAVER, UTAH

MUTUAL, UTAH
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THIS IS ONLY A PARTIAL LIST OF THE PRIZES TO BE DRAWN FOR AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY. BE SURE TO ATTEND AND FIND OUT WHAT ELSE IS IN STORE FOR YOU TO WIN!!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear NUTS,

This past year has really flown by. I think it has been a great year for the club. The reason for our success has been the hard work and participation of many of our members. A special thanks goes to the officers for all of the time and effort they have contributed this year. I would also like to thank all of the NUTS members for their support. You are what keeps the club going. This year has been a good one. Let's all continue to work together to make next year even better.

The annual Christmas party will be held at ChuckArama. This is always a fun event and I encourage everyone to attend. I believe our prize drawing will be an exceptionally good one. We have been able to obtain a lot of nice prizes thanks to the excellent participation in our monthly raffles. So come on out for a good time and some great company.

One other item of business. The position of newsletter editor has been filled by Karen Secor and Eric Jameson. They will be coeditors. This job requires a great deal of work and we are hoping that one other member will volunteer to assist them with the newsletter. With three people working on it each month it will not be such a burden on one individual. If you can help out, please let us know.

I wish everyone and their families a very merry Christmas and a great New Year filled with many exciting and valuable finds.

See you at the Christmas party!!

Sincerely,

Bill Brown

WAGON MASTER BRUCE DUGGER

FIND OF THE MONTH (F.O.M.)

We wish to thank everyone for the terrific response to the Finds of the Month contest. We will start the contest up again in 1994. Notification will be forthcoming in a future issue of THE TOKEN HUNTER, so please keep it in mind. We are looking forward to seeing a lot more entries, so dig, dig, dig! We wish to thank Bruce Dugger for all the work he has put into the contest and for getting the results to the editor in a timely fashion. Questions? Call Bruce Dugger - 261-1678.

FINDS OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER

48 ENTRIES

U.S. COIN	E. BERNKOPF	1926 STANDING LIBERTY QUARTER
TOKEN (TIE)	E. BERNKOPF	MINT SALOON, COLTON
	A. CARDON	UP SALOON
FOREIGN COIN	B. HERMANSEN	1885 PORTUGUESE COIN
JEWELRY	T. ROSE	GOLD SCHOOL CLASS RING
ARTIFACT	B. HERMANSEN	MICKEY MOUSE SPOON
NON-METAL	B. HERMANSEN	BOTTLE
BUTTON	A. CARDON	SALT LAKE CITY RAILROAD BUTTON
OLDEST US CENT	T. ROSE	1878 INDIAN HEAD
OLDEST US COIN	T. ROSE	1852 3c PIECE

MOST VALUABLE US COIN B. DUGGER 1856 S \$2 1/2 GOLD COIN

FIRST PRIZE AT THE END OF THE YEAR WILL BE A GOLD PIECE, SECOND & THIRD, SILVER PIECES.

FROM THE EDITOR

I have really enjoyed being the newsletter editor this past year. Please give your new editors your support. For further information call Karen Secor 731-5437 or Eric Jameson at 582-6461.

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J. H. McAdams octagonal 50¢ token
is pre World War I and worth \$10.

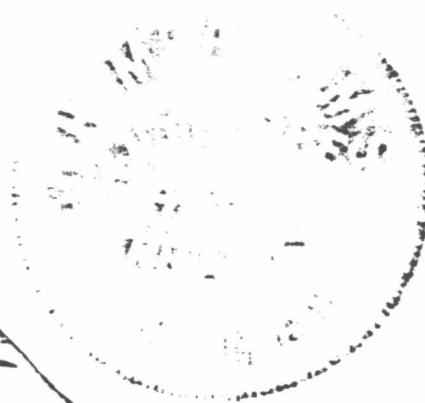
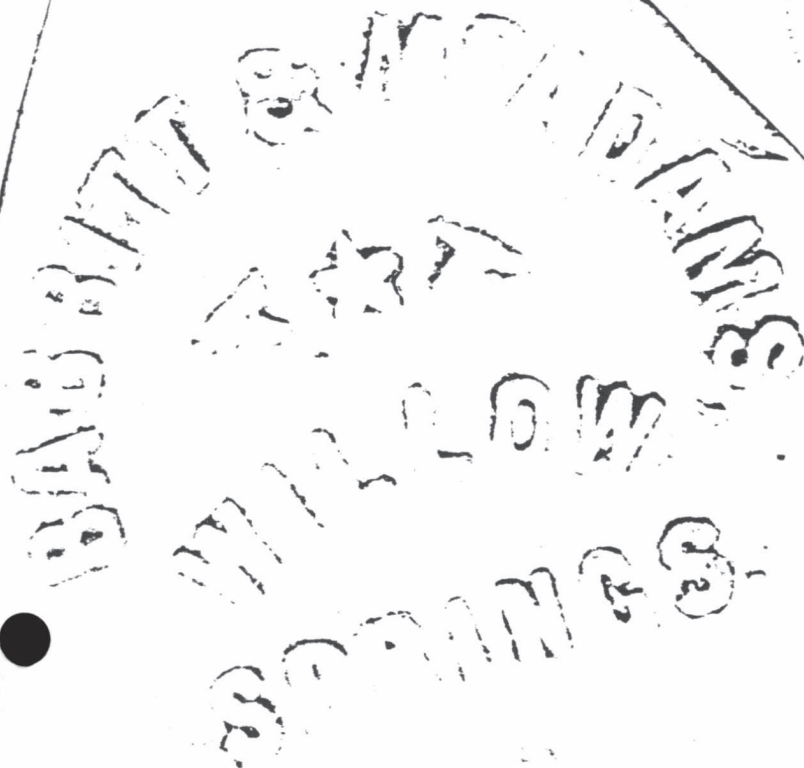
TOKEN



Pine Springs Trading Company \$1
token is valued at \$15 today.

15.00

**SOME 500 DIFFERENT TRADERS USED THEIR
OWN "TIN MONEY" OVER THE YEARS,
BUT LESS THAN 200 VARIETIES EXIST TODAY**



The rarest of all McAdams tokens,
issued at Antelope Trails, New
Mexico, is valued at \$50.

Triangular 50¢ Babbitt and Mc-
Adams trade token is valued at
\$30 on today's market.

BY MAURICE KILDARE

C. N. Cotton trading post tokens of Ganado, Arizona, are worth \$10 and \$15 respectively.



TOKENS MORE VALUABLE THAN GOLD

ONE RARE ARMY TRADE TOKEN IS VALUED AT \$1,000 TODAY

A man and his wife from California were driving U.S. Highway 89 eighty miles north of Flagstaff, Arizona when they saw some bare, roofless stone walls. They were in a flat across a wash on the east side.

They thought the building ruins a pioneer site. It might be just the place to find some collectible bottles. Pulling off the highway as far as possible they footed it across the dry wash.

Using a detector, they walked around the crumbling walls of what once was Willow Springs Trading Post established as early as 1872. An important one, it had worn out three different sites.

The tourists found no bottles but they did get buzzes that located a rusted tin can filled with Indian trading tokens. They represented the oldest bartering money in the western Navajo Indian Reservation.

But they were disgusted with the light pieces of metal when Herb Schriener drove off the highway to join them. Asked if they found anything worth while the woman told him no and threw the can of tokens over into the wash.

When the couple departed in disappointment because of not finding any bottles, Schriener recovered the tokens.

He told me, "I tried to tell them those pieces of metal were worth more than their weight in gold but they wouldn't listen."

Those he recovered were of light

metal and tinged brassy yellow, in denominations of 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, 50¢, \$1 and \$5.

The oldest were stamped G. W. McAdams, which dated them in the early 1880's. The others read Babbitt & McAdams. These would date about 1894 as McAdams had sold Willow Springs. He then bought back a half interest in the post with Babbitt Brothers Trading Company of Flagstaff and hired Joe Lee as trader there.

The newest ones sell for \$2.50 to \$8, the oldest issued by McAdams are valued at \$10 to \$40.

Any old trading post or the site of one on or off the reservation is a good field to search for trading tokens. They are what we old-time traders referred to as "tin money."

There were several reasons why tokens were used. It served as money and saved figuring on paper how much the Indian bartering a product had left after each single purchase. This was time consuming.

The Indian also liked to see what he considered the same as hard cash money right before him on the counter. Nor would they take currency and there was little silver in Arizona and New Mexico Indian country in the old days before my time.

Also, if given silver in payment for whatever sold to the trader the coins were made into decorative buttons for moccasins and clothing, heavy bridle stalls, rings, bracelets,

beads, belt conchas and for other decorative purposes the silversmith fancied.

If they could get silver dollars they were promptly turned into hand-made jewelry. The U.S. Treasury frown on the defacing of coins and in some cases threatened prosecution. The Mexican silver peso and the 2-ounce slugs of silver 925 fine were substituted for the U.S. dollar.

Trading post tokens began in New Mexico during the 1850's but soon jumped far west across the vast Navajo domain. The first of record were stamped with Good for one horse, Good for one mule and Good for one cow. Used for bartering by ex-mountainmen turned traders, they did not specify quality of the animal traded for.

The army rationed beef to Indians at several forts in Arizona and New Mexico. Frequently the sutler (a civilian who sold supplies to the army) handled it, or sold beef outright. He was actually a trader and used metal slugs for this purpose.

The only one known to exist is the M. L. Woodard Indian trading token collection in Gallup. New Mexico and dates prior to 1868. Of base metal, it is dark grey, round, and on one side is stamped:

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